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## REVIEWS AND NOTES.

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*The Social Survey*, by Carol Aronovici, Ph.D. Philadelphia. The Harper Press. 1916. 255 pp.

This little book, one of the publications of the Bureau for Social Research of the Seybert Institution in Philadelphia, is a welcome addition to the growing literature upon this subject. The first chapter deals with the need of a survey and what may be expected to be accomplished by it. This opening section is, in some ways, the most valuable portion of the book because it was evidently written by one who knows what he is talking about. He recognizes the advantage of skilled assistance and the necessity of limiting a survey to those subjects in which there is some hope for improvement from an awakened public conscience. This section is filled with timely hints gained from experience. The remainder of the book is devoted, to a considerable extent, to schedules which may be used in the making of a survey. These relate to such topics as city planning, industry, health, leisure, education, crime, etc. Under each of these headings is given a list of the particular points upon which information may be expected to be collected. To purely statistical matter, only one section of five pages is devoted and much of this is taken from King's "Elements of Statistical Methods." This very brief reference is little better than nothing. The author excuses the brevity of this treatment on the ground that "All that could be justly expected is to point out the need for its use and refer the reader to the bibliography which gives a list of what are at this time considered the standard works on the statistical method in the hope that the surveying forces will venture into the study of some of these books prior to undertaking the task of tabulating, correlating, and interpreting the information gathered in the course of the survey."

One section of the book gives it such a value that most students of this subject will wish to see this volume in their library. This is a very complete and carefully prepared bibliography of some sixty pages. This is sub-divided under various headings and gives what is by all odds the best list of readings upon this subject which has been prepared up to the present. Taken as a whole, the book is an acceptable contribution to the literature of social problems in this country.

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*The Forty-Second Annual Report of the Orange Memorial Hospital for the Year 1915.*

The annual report of the Orange Memorial Hospital is much like the reports of other hospitals in this country with the exception of the fact that Mr. Frederick L. Hoffman has prepared a statistical analysis of the